



PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 7787.0041-01

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Gerald W. FISCHER et al.) Group Art Unit: 1645
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Application No.: 09/893,615) Examiner: V. Portner
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Filed: June 29, 2001)
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For: Opsonic and Protective)
Monoclonal and Chimeric)
Antibodies Specific for Lipoteichoic)
Acid of Gram Positive Bacteria)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

AMENDMENT

Applicants now reply to the final Office Action dated October 6, 2003, the period for reply having been extended for 3 months to April 6, 2004, by a request for extension and fee payment filed concurrently herewith. To further the progress of prosecution, Applicants also file a Request for Continued Examination. Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification are included in this paper, on pages 2 and 3.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper, on page 4.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this paper, and begin on page 7.